

papers, the *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Mail*, in England, were defeated in this attempt in a struggle that was as significant as it was remarkable. Forces that had never before worked in unison joined in protecting the English Sabbath. John Burns, the agnostic labor-leader; the Archbishop of Canterbury the Bishop of London, Lord Kinnaid, Cardinal Vaughan, Cohen, a well-known Jew; Sir Mark Stewart, of the House of Commons, and a number of other members of Parliament were among those who joined in this memorable campaign. A prime mover in it all was Dr. Henry S. Lunn, a well-known English Editor. He has written a stirring account of the affair for *The Sunday School Times*, which appears in its issue of November 25.

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Brevities

—A grand-son of Jefferson Davis was killed at Kimberly, in a fight between Boers and British, he was an officer in the latter army.

—The tremendous agitation against Brigham Roberts, the Mormon representative to Congress, is likely to lose him his seat, on the point that being a polygamist he is a law-breaker.

—A revolution is on foot in Venezuela, and some bloody battles have been fought, in which the insurgents have been uniformly successful. Stable government is an unknown experience in South America.

—Trouble seems to be brewing between Japan and Russia over Korea. Both these powers are trying to

dominate the Korean peninsula, and their rivalries are nearly issuing in war.

—Major John A. Logan, only son of the famous general of Civil war fame, was killed a few days since in the Philippines. He was leading his men in a charge at the battle of San Jacinto, when he received his mortal wound.

—The United States cruiser Charleston ran on the rocks of Luzon, and is reported a total wreck. She was a fine war vessel, and her loss is a matter of considerable money out of the government treasury.

—The much advertised star shower seems to have disappointed everybody. The spectacle failed to spectaculate. It might have been the bright moon, or it might be that the "Leonids" have in the last thirty years burned themselves out.

—The Havana papers say that the Cuban people will not keep Thanksgiving day, for the reason that the Americans have not turned Cuba over according to promise. They admit that the custom is an honorable one, but decline to participate for the reason mentioned.

—One hundred and fifty-three whales, valued at \$10,000 apiece have been caught this year in the Arctic ocean west and north of Alaska. The whaling fleet is now on its way to San Francisco, bringing a cargo worth \$1,500,000.

—The week has not brought very much news from the South African war. The British are hurrying forces to the relief of Ladysmith and Kimberly, which are closely besieged by the Boers. There has been some heavy but indecisive fighting. All indications point to a much more serious war than anyone seems to anticipate.

—The Philippine war is being pushed with great vigor. The army of Aguinaldo has been scattered, but they have a way of assembling further back in the mountains, and the task of pursuit is rendered very difficult, as there are no roads worth the name. The capture of the rebel chief is the main object of the American forces, in which event it is hoped that there will be a speedy ending of the war.

—It is said that there is more "champagne" drunk in one year than the champagne districts produce in seven.

—A tree at Babylon, Long Island, is thought to have died because Tom Paine, the infidel, once sat under it.

—The demand for laborers thruout all sections of the West continues to be greatly in excess of the supply, in spite of the fact that the winter season is coming on.

—The Mormons are preparing for a vigorous campaign in St. Louis. A score of their missionaries are preparing to make converts in many sections of the West.

—At the great Ecumenical missionary meeting to be held in New York, and which is to commence its sittings on April 21, 1900, about 3,000 delegates are expected.

Matrimonial

DORMAN—LOOKER —At the residence of Mr. Frank Baldwin near Sawyer, Mich., Nov. 6 1899, Mr. Ora Dorman and Miss Nellie Looker were united in marriage by the writer.

JOHN H. ENGLISH.

GORDON—PRICE —On the 14th day of Nov., Mr. Guy Gordon and sister Jessie Price were married at the home of the bride near Unionville, Iowa. May they have sunshine and few shadows is the wish of many friends.

CLARA FLORA

SPRINGER—CHANDILIER.—Mr. Ed Springer and sister Laura Chandilier were married at the home of the bride in Leon, Iowa, Sept. 5, 1899. Sister Laura is a teacher in the Leon school. Many friends say long life and happiness.

CLARA FLORA.

GRUBB—ARNOLD —At the home of the officiating minister, Buckeye City, Ohio, Nov. 16, '99, brother Dora E. Grubb and sister Bertha Arnold of North Liberty, Ohio, were united in holy matrimony by the writer.

J. L. KIMMEL.

BOWERS—STRAYER —At the home of the bride's parents in Norton county, Kansas, Oct. 24, 1899, I joined in marriage Mr. Charles L. Bowers and Miss Emma J. Strayer both of Norton, Kansas. The wedding was a quiet affair, only near relatives and a few invited guests, including the brass band which furnished some appropriate music. May God's blessings accompany them thru life.

C. FORNEY.

Our Dead

STRAYER —Franklin B. Strayer was born April, 3, 1899. Died Nov. 20, 1899, aged 7 months, 16 days. This was their first born, and it was indeed sad to see them give up their darling. I pray God's blessings upon them in their bereavement. Funeral services were held in the second M. E. church, of Goshen.

A. R. BEMENDERFER.

REED.—Eliza Reed was born September 5, 1924. Died at the home of her daughter, near Butler, Ohio, November 2, 1899, aged 75 years, 1 month and 27 days. Funeral services in the North Liberty Brethren church by the writer.

J. L. KIMMEL.

TROSTLE.—Sister Sarah Trostle whose death we record, was born at McAllisterville, Pa., May 27, 1827. Died at the home of her daughter, Sister Grubb, Altoona, Pa., on Nov. 7, 1899, aged 72 years, 5 months and 9 days. Her maiden name was Smith. In 1844 she was married to David Hostetler, and of this union seven children survive. Mrs. Elizabeth Strubb, of Altoona, Pa., Mrs. Maggie Stroup, of Oriental, Pa., Mrs. Mary Bards, Montourville, Pa., Mrs. David Smith, Gagerville, Ohio, John A. Hostetler, Wooster, Ohio, Mrs. Jas. McKnight and David Hostetler, of McAllisterville, Pa. After the death of David Hostetler she was married to Andrew Trostle, and of this union was born one child, Mrs. Alice Gingrich, of McAllisterville, Pa. Sister Trostle was the moving spirit in the organization of the Brethren church at McAllisterville, and the church has sustained a great loss in her unexpected death. Sister Trostle was visiting in Altoona and was sick but a few hours. Services were held at the home of brother Perry Grubbs, in Altoona, on the evening of Nov. 6, and at her home near McAllisterville Pa., on the 9, at 2 P. M. Interment in the family cemetery on the farm. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, preaching from, 1 Cor. 13: 12. A large concourse of neighbors and friends gathered to thus express their respect and sympathy. God grant all may live faithful and true as did Sister Trostle.

E. E. HASKINS.

McKEE.—In the Salem congregation, sister Arminta A. McKee, of consumption. Was born Jan. 20, 1870, died Nov. 19, 1899, age 28 years 9 months and 29 days. United in marriage with Wm. H. McKee, Aug. 28 1890, to the union were born three children, two sons and one daughter. She leaves behind her three children, husband, father, mother, two brothers and two sisters, together with a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. She united with the Brethren at Salem in Jan. 1891, and as the lamp of life began to fade she called a friend to her bedside, she made a request to be buried close beside her sister, that her funeral be preached in the Salem Brethren church by the undersigned, and then said, "now let me go peacefully," she passed from the shadow to the vail. Only those who knew her best loved her most. The congregation was large and all came to sympathize with those that mourn. May the Lord bless them in their sorrow.

D. A. HOPKINS.